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AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST TO SPEAK AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--Author and political commentator Juan Williams will present his second lecture as Eastern Illinois University's Visiting Professor for Cultural Diversity/Journalism at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in the Booth Library Lecture Room.

The author, whose book "Eyes on the Prize" was the basis for an award-winning PBS documentary, will discuss "Media Coverage of the Presidency."

The lecture, sponsored by the Coles County Historical Society and Eastern's Cultural Diversity Committee, is free and open to the public.

Eastern is hosting Williams while he is on sabbatical from the *Washington Post* where he is a political analyst.

While at Eastern, he is teaching a class on "Media Coverage and Development of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-93," which examines the roots of the modern civil rights movement and explores the concept of media as a catalyst for social change. He is also working on his biography of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Williams has more than 15 years of experience on the Wash-

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WILLIAMS

ington Post reporting staff, serving in a variety of positions from editorial writer and White House correspondent to national correspondent covering the political campaigns of George Bush and Jesse Jackson.

He also has had articles published in such top magazines as *Fortune*, *The New Republic*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's* and *Ebony*.

His experience extends beyond print media to television where he is a substitute host for CNN's "Crossfire" and a former political analyst for CBS News. He has also been a panelist for "Washington Week in Review" and other public affairs and news programs. He has also made guest appearances on "Nightline," "Good Morning America," "Oprah," "National Public Radio" and "Arsenio Hall."

Williams has received numerous writing awards including the 1989 *Washingtonian* Magazine Award for "Best Reporter," 1990 American Association of University Women "Top Prize in Political Commentary" and the 1990 "Outstanding Book Award" from the Myer's Center for Study of Human Rights in the United States.

His board memberships include that of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards; Haverford College, his alma mater; and Washington Journalism Center.